

JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Tuesday February 10, 2015 – 9:00 am

Two Hundred and Ninety-Second Meeting

In Attendance for KACD: David Rowlett, President; Allan Bryant, Secretary-Treasurer; Kevin Jeffries; Bobbie Wilson; Ted Jessup; David Cowherd; Lenville Martin; Gilbert Edgington; Orville Bennett; Rod Murphy; and Ms. Betty Barrick KACD Auxiliary President.

In Attendance for SWCC: Ray Adams, Secretary and Acting Chairman; Scotty Parsons; Danny Shipley; Billy Doolin; Sanford Holbrook; Marc Hult and Peggy Conway.

Others Present: Commissioner Steve Hohmann, DNR; Deputy Commissioner Sandy Gruzesky, DNR; State Conservationist Karen Woodrich, NRCS; Executive Director John McCauley, FSA; Mr. Steve Kelly, KY Dept. of Agriculture; Assistant Director Steve Kull, DOF; Mr. Jeff Rice; Mr. Dan Ellison; Director Kim Richardson, DOC; Assistant Director Johnna McHugh, DOC; and Jeffrey Reed, DOC.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order - at 8:59 a.m. by SWCC Acting Chairman Ray Adams and KACD President David Rowlett.

SWCC Minutes from the November 17, 2014 Meeting - Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Sanford Holbrook. Motion seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

KACD Minutes from the November 13, 2014 Meeting - Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Ted Jessup. Motion seconded by Gilbert Edgington. **Motion carried.**

KACD Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Allan Bryant presented the report with copies distributed. Mr. Bryant made the motion to approve the report. Mr. Kevin Jeffries seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

SWCC Correspondence Report - Acting Chairman Ray Adams stated there was no correspondence to report.

KACD Correspondence Report - President David Rowlett stated there was no correspondence to report. He did ask if anyone had any suggestions or comments concerning last evening's Agriculture Legislative Reception to please get these to him or Director Kim Richardson, DOC, for consideration.

Equipment Report - Assistant Director Johnna McHugh, DOC, presented the report with copies distributed.

Statement of Operations - Ms. McHugh reminded the SWCC Board that the Legislature will be removing 1.125 million dollars from the account at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2015). Mr. Scotty Parsons made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Sanford Holbrook seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Equipment Loan Requests – The Webster County Conservation District is requesting a loan in the amount of \$15,800.00 to be used to purchase a new No-Till Drill. Mr. Scotty Parsons made the motion to approve this loan. Mr. Sanford Holbrook seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Acting Chairman Ray Adams, SWCC, asked for further comment concerning a provision made in the loan application that allows for this piece of equipment to be moved across the county line for use. Mr.

Adams stated that there have been cases where equipment has sat idle when a farmer in the next county would love to be able to rent it. He feels that restrictions prohibiting this are not the best utilization of the equipment. President David Rowlett, KACD, stated that the Carroll County Conservation District does allow for equipment to be used in adjacent counties.

Approval of Infrastructure Loan Requests - There were no new loan requests.

Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments - Director Kim Richardson, DOC, presented the appointments with copies distributed.

Wolfe County - Vernon Carson to fill the unexpired term of James Dean (2016)

Knox County - Kyle Hubbs to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth S. Lee (2016)

Carter County - Herbert Suttles to fill the unexpired term of Epp Davis Kiser (2016)

Livingston County - Darrell Jones to fill the unexpired term of Tony Thompson (2016)

South Logan - Frank Orndorff to fill the unexpired term of Tom Brown (2016)

Lewis County - Larry Hull to serve the unexpired term of Chris Elam (2016)

Oldham County - Mary Lowery to fill the unexpired term of John Detherage (2018)

Kenton County - Marc Hult to fill the unexpired term of Margaret Peggy Kelly (2016)

Whitley County - Jim D. Jones to fill the unexpired term of Barry Arnett (2016)

Bath County - Aaron Watson to fill the unexpired term of Jacqueline Watson (2016)

Edmonson County - Mark Meeks to fill vacancy.

Fleming County - Randall Meadows to fill the unexpired term of Bill Grannis (deceased) (2016)

Motion to accept the vacancy petitions was made by Mr. Sanford Holbrook. Motion was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**

Incentive Pay for Supervisors

Calloway County - State Convention in July and eight (8) Supervisors Training sessions.

Motion to accept incentive pay for supervisors per diem was made by Mr. Danny Shipley. Motion seconded by Ms. Peggy Conway. **Motion carried.**

Agriculture District Program - Assistant Director Johnna McHugh, DOC, presented the report with copies distributed. Five (5) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 1,020 acres.

Mercer County (Petition No. 084-20) - 389.50 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley. Motion seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

Mercer County (Petition No. 084-21) - 325.54 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley. Motion seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**

Taylor County (Petition No. 109-18) - 236.47 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Peggy Conway. Motion seconded by Sanford Holbrook. **Motion carried.**

Pendleton County (Petition No. 096-02 (A3) - 40.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons. Motion seconded by Mr. Sanford Holbrook. **Motion carried.**

Trimble County - (Petition No. 112-02 (A2) - 1.49 acres. *This does not meet the minimum ten (10) acre requirement.* Ms. McHugh read the regulation which references this to begin discussion. Mr. Scotty Parsons stated that since the 1.49 acres is contiguous with already approved acreage he moved that this petition be approved as well. Motion seconded by Mr. Sanford Holbrook. **Motion carried.**

Nine (9) agricultural districts have been submitted to the Commission for five-year recertification for a total of 5,682.69 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Billy Doolin. Motion seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

NACD Director's Report – Mr. Kevin Jeffries presented the report. Mr. Jeffries just returned last week from the NACD Convention that was held in New Orleans. He reported that there were over nine hundred (900) attendees at this year's event, which is up considerably from the 2014 numbers. Special thanks to Mr. Jeff Rice and Mr. Brian Hacker for all their hard work at the convention. Mr. Hacker presented the Stewardship Program on Sunday night which really impressed a lot of people. CEO John Larson, NACD, liked the presentation so much that he is going to make the recording of this event available to any district, nationwide, who requests it. Mr. Rice was also on the program participating in the Share Fair which also went very well. President David Rowlett, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Jeffries, attended all of the sessions and board meetings. There was considerable discussion about the Waters of the US but there was not a vote to change anything pertaining to the policy and language as already presented. Kentucky was again honored as a top ten state in dues collected. Also, Kentucky ranked second in the nation as a "NACD market place customer" which is based on districts purchasing products through the market place. Deputy Secretary Christa Hardin, USDA, brought the attendees up to date with her agency and she had a lot of positive things to say concerning conservation districts. The NACD leadership discussed the important role Kentucky will play, because of the positions Senator Mitch McConnell and Congressman Hal Rogers hold in the US Congress, concerning conservation issues nationwide. Mr. Jeffries encouraged everyone to work with, and keep in close contact to, the senator and congressman's office/administrative staff.

The NACD budget is looking much better having obtained, over this past year, \$500,000 in new grants.

Mr. Jeffries has been elected to serve as the SE Regional Chair over the next year which represents eleven (11) states.

The NACD has newly elected officers: Mr. Lee McDaniel from Maryland will be serving as President for the next two (2) years; Mr. Brent Van Dyke from New Mexico is First Vice-President; Dick Went from Rhode Island is Second Vice-President; and John McDonald from Oregon is Secretary/Treasurer.

NACD's part in the upcoming "fly-in" at Washington DC will be March 18, 2015. The NACD summer board meeting will be held in Spokane, WA on July 11-13, 2015. A southeast regional meeting will be held in Tupelo, MS in July and the annual meeting will be held in Reno, NV on January 30 - February 3, 2016.

President David Rowlett, KACD, added that he tried to meet with as many of the other state presidents as he could to discuss how they handled their funding for the districts. He found out there were about as many approaches to this as there are states.

Mr. Jeff Rice stated that something that might be beneficial to KY is that there is now some federal funding for PL-566 Dams. Ms. Karen Woodrich, NRCS, stated that there is in the FY 2016 President's Budget, 290 million dollars set aside for watershed funding. This money has been earmarked for planning rather than rehabilitation/maintenance. Mr. Jeffries added that KY has over two hundred (200) of these dams. Mr. Rice also stated that there was much discussion and policy making concerning the increasing feral hog problem and that these policies would prove useful for our state.

President Rowlett commented that the auction held at the NACD Convention proved to be a great success by raising over \$77,000. One of the items that Mr. Jeffries took, a handcrafted mirror, sold for over four hundred (400) dollars.

In closing Mr. Jeffries reported that he has received a request for a donation from KACD, along with the KY Agriculture Counsel, for one thousand (1,000) dollars to help with sponsorship the Leopold Award, which KACD is considering hosting at our July

convention. He added that this award gives well deserved recognition and will be a positive support for conservation issues in KY. Mr. Kevin Jeffries made the motion that KACD donate the requested one thousand (1,000) dollars. Mr. Allan Bryant seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken Mr. David Cowherd referred the members to the November 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes which show that Mr. Steve Coleman, in his presentation for the Sand County Foundation, assured the board that acting as hosts for the Leopold Award would not require an outlay of additional funds. Mr. Cowherd went on to state his concern over being asked for this donation with the financial constraints we are currently under. President Rowlett requested a copy of Mr. Steve Coleman's e-mail to Mr. Jeffries asking for this donation. Mr. Jeffries read this e-mail audibly for all the members. Ms. Karen Woodrich in answering a question posed by President Rowlett stated that in the past the host for the award has not been required any expenses. However KY does not have a "flagship sponsor" as do some states, therefore the Sand County Foundation asks for donations from multiple organizations, KACD being one. Mr. Ted Jessup questioned if the requested one thousand (1,000) dollars would be added to the already raised ten thousand (10,000) dollars to meet the fifteen thousand (15,000) objective set by the foundation. Mr. Jeffries stated that it was his understanding it would be. President Rowlett stated his concern over the possibility that at the upcoming meeting in March that KACD would be asked for the remaining three thousand (3,000) dollars if the foundation had not received it by then. Ms. Woodrich stated that the Bradley Foundation, who originated the Leopold award, donates the ten thousand (10,000) dollars that is given to the winner. Mr. Jeffries stated that this requested donation would not be used as a part of the winning prize money, but would help promote the award in KY. President Rowlett wanted to reiterate that KACD had not yet agreed to be the host for the award. Mr. Jessup asked as hosts only, would additional costs be incurred by KACD. Ms. Kim Richardson stated there would be extra expenses for the Association. Ms. Richardson said she has already checked with the hotel in Bowling Green of the availability of a banquet room for an additional night. Of course to have the room would incur additional charges. Mr. Bryant stated that the Association could charge for tickets to attend the award ceremony to recover this cost. President Rowlett pointed out that a decision still needs to be made when the ceremony would take place, Tuesday afternoon after the meeting or should it be later that evening as a separate event. A vote regarding the donation was taken with the result being six (6) in favor of and four (4) opposed.

Motion carried.

KACD Auxiliary Report - Ms. Betty Barrick, Auxiliary President, presented the report. President Rowlett welcomed Ms. Barrick back after her absence due to some health related issues. She responded by saying she missed being at the meetings and seeing everyone and that she was glad to be back.

Ms. Barrick began her report with the sad news over the loss of Ms. Phyllis Amyx, long time treasurer for the Auxiliary and district secretary in Wolfe County. Ms. Amyx was a tremendous officer, treasurer, and supporter of the Auxiliary and she is greatly missed. Ms. Barrick is in the process of talking with Ms. Amyx's daughter about tying up loose ends and getting things back in the hands of the Auxiliary. Ms. Barrick is currently able to sign checks.

Ms. Barrick urged the board members to get more of their wives involved and to come and be a part of the Auxiliary. She commended the county secretaries for all of their support, who she said the Auxiliary could not get by without, especially during the time of year when the quilt blocks are going out and coming in. The "barn" quilt blocks are now at the quilter's. Ms. Barrick commented that some of the blocks are absolutely beautiful. Of the forty-five (45) blocks sent out thirty-nine (39) were sent back. If you have a county that does not return their block next year then please send them back to Ms. Barrick because she has volunteers who are willing to do them. You may purchase tickets for a chance to win the quilt at the convention. The money generated from the ticket sales goes for the funding of our three (3) scholarships: one (1) for a graduating High School Senior; one (1) for a currently enrolled college student; and one (1) for a non-traditional student i.e. someone who has been out of school for a while but is desiring to return. The non-traditional scholarship has not had any applications in a number of years. Each scholarship fund has over \$30,000 currently in them. Every county should have copies of the scholarship application. If not please let Ms. Barrick know. Please get the word out and make your counties aware of these opportunities. Applications for this year are still being accepted until March 1, 2015.

There has been a mishap concerning this year's poster contest. It seems that they have been lost in the mail. Letters will be mailed out to those counties that sent in posters. Since a winner cannot be determined this year the Auxiliary is going to give each participating child a ten (10) dollar prize. Please inform any counties that may be affected by this to be patient while we work through the complications of issuing Auxiliary funds since the loss of Ms. Amyx.

Acting Chair Ray Adams, SWCC, also extended a welcome back to Ms. Barrick as well as thanking her for all of her hard work with the Auxiliary.

Division of Conservation Report - Director Kim Richardson, DOC, presented the report. Ms. Richardson began by giving out the dates of the upcoming area meetings. The Area 1 meeting will be held on February 17th in Lyon County. The Area 2 meeting will be held on February 18th in Muhlenberg County. The Area 3 meeting will be held on February 24th in Breckinridge County. The Area 4 meeting will be held on April 9th in Washington County. The Area 5 meeting will be held on March 4th in Mason County. The Area 6 meeting will be held on March 2nd in Jessamine County. The Area 7 meeting will be held on March 3rd in Pulaski County. And the Area 9 meeting will be held on March 20th in Perry County at Buckhorn State Park. KACD elections will be held in the odd number areas. Meeting notices have already been sent out for Area 1 and 2 and later this week the remaining notices will also be sent.

Ms. Richardson and Ms. Karen Woodrich have been in discussion about how DOC and NRCS can better assist supervisors, the Authority, and the Commission. If there are any topics or discussions you would like for either or both of them to take please let know.

An appointment needs to be made to the Governor by the SWCC for the Ag Water Quality Authority (AWQA). There is an "open spot" with the environmental groups. Currently in this position is Corrine Mulberry who has served on the AWQA for four (4) years. The Commission now needs to solicit three (3) nominations for consideration. Mr. Sanford Holbrook asked if Ms. Mulberry would be interested in serving another term to which Ms. Richardson stated she believed she would. Mr. Holbrook proceeded to nominate her for another term. Ms. Richardson asked that other names be submitted to her as soon as possible but no later than the end of this week.

Assistant Director Johnna McHugh, DOC, spoke about bringing back the one (1) or two (2) day training seminars for new supervisors. While she knows what DOC and NRCS would like to see included in these trainings she still needs to know what the Commission and KACD want to see incorporated in these sessions. Be thinking about your responses and please come prepared to the March meetings ready to discuss this further. Ms. McHugh said that she would be putting together the presentations she just needs your ideas/input. The training is slated to begin in 2016. Ms. Peggy Conway suggested having this training at the conventions because supervisors are attending to get this type of information to begin with. Mr. Marc Hult suggested having this training in two (2) segments due to the varying scheduling needs of the supervisors. Mr. Bobbie Wilson asked if these new supervisor trainings were mandatory before an individual could serve in that capacity. Ms. McHugh stated since this training is not in the statute then it could not be made mandatory. She added that it would be up to the Commission to decide whether this would qualify for incentive per diem. Ms. McHugh also extended a training opportunity to both the Commission and KACD. For this to happen all she needs is members' input on any topic they would like better knowledge and understanding in. Please let Ms. McHugh or Ms. Richardson know. These short trainings may easily be done as part of the board meetings. Acting Chair Ray Adams, SWCC, asked if there were any plans to print more Conservation District Supervisor's Guidebooks. Ms. Richardson said due to budget constraints and printing costs this book would not be going to print anytime soon. However the entire guidebook may be accessed on the website.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service - State Conservationist Karen Woodrich, NRCS, presented the report. Ms. Woodrich began by stating that the states have not yet received their budgets for FY15 even though their fiscal year began October 1, 2014. The threat of sequestration is still very real with the already in place two hundred and seventy million dollar cut or 7.3 percent of last fiscal year's budget. There is a new budget term known as "reconciliation" which is a way to curtail spending and reduce the deficit. The mandatory funds are subject to reconciliation, but this has not happened for FY 15. If it does occur then this may affect EQUIP and CSP funding levels. On the positive side for FY15 NRCS did receive an increase in our CTA funds. However, over thirty-three million dollars of this increase will be used to cover office rent which is no longer taken out of a central billing account. This will also cover the new technology "Conservation Streamline Delivery Initiative" which is a new and better way to do conservation planning. So while you may hear that our CTA funding, which basically pays staff and partner agreements, has increased it actually has gone down by fourteen million dollars. The mandatory programs EQUIP and the new ACEP have been hit with sequestration as well and are down about thirty-one million dollars. There is a possibility that there

could be a CRP general sign-up this year. Ms. Woodrich thanked those board members who have made phone calls to insure that NRCS received sufficient funding. They hope to have their budgets by March.

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) originated out of the 2014 Farm Bill. The program provides new ways of looking at partnering with innovative ways at dealing with conservation issues. Last fall the agency put out a call for pre-proposals and from across the nation received over six hundred (600). Several of these were asked back for full proposals. Kentucky was fortunate to receive funding for one (1) proposal at the state level entitled, "Managing Poo" which focuses on water quality addressing livestock nutrient concerns. NRCS is still in the beginning stages of development as to the ranking criteria and what the micro-focus areas will be. The proposals that brought more partners to the table who were willing to contribute something to the project ranked higher. Ms. Woodrich said she could make available to interested parties additional information and maps showing the distribution of these projects. Over 50% of the funded proposals dealt with water quality. Wildlife concerns placed second with 24%, and water quantity issues made up 19%. Another opportunity, or APF, to submit pre-proposals for the FY16 round of funding should be coming sometime in March. Ms. Woodrich and her staff are available to talk with anyone who has ideas/concepts they want to pull together before applying. While they cannot write the proposals for applicants they can certainly help guide them through the process based on what they have learned from the last go around and make sure everything is packaged properly. The Secretary has been extremely adamant about getting this money out the door and into the hands of the producers.

There was a productive meeting in Princeton this past December concerning soil health. There were over one hundred and fifty (150) farmers who attended a discussion that was led by a five (5) farmer panel. It was such a success that KACD has agreed to allow it to be replicated on Monday afternoon at their conference to be held this summer.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is alive and well this year. The first go-around signup deadline is February 27th.

The EQIP second round ranking cutoff date is March 20th. There is currently three million dollars awaiting final allocation.

Kentucky Department for Natural Resources - Deputy Commissioner Sandy Gruzesky presented the report. She began by discussing the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) pilot project involving six (6) Northern KY counties, along with regions of IN and OH, regarding nutrient water quality trading (nutrient credits). This would allow permitting of dischargers of waste (nutrient) water to pay farmers to implement nutrient reduction practices. The basic concept is it is cheaper to prevent pollution than to treat pollution. If the project works well then it could potentially expand to include the entire state. The first trading opportunity will happen on April 16, 2015 in New York City. Ms. Gruzesky will be speaking tomorrow, February 11th, about this project to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce to make them fully aware of the project and to try and promote their interest in this idea. Director Kim Richardson, DOC, added that this project has won the prestigious National Water Award. Ms. Richardson went on to explain that the conservation districts in the six (6) counties (Bracken, Boone, Carter, Grant, Lewis, and Mason) have proven to be instrumental by providing technical support. They also recruited those producers in their areas who are serious about conservation concerns and who are not afraid to take on new challenges, because the credits, before being issued, have to be above reproach: i.e. has to be a new practice; prove that soil testing has been done; prove that a nutrient management plan exists; etc. Due to the hard work of these six (6) districts there is approximately one hundred thousand (100,000) private dollars being used for conservation practices in KY. This money is distributed through EPRI, who it is worth noting, has agreed to turn all the generated funding back into the project.

Farm Service Agency - Mr. John McCauley, State Executive Director presented the report. Mr. McCauley began with a StrikeForce update. Kentucky was designated as a StrikeForce State by USDA in January 2014. This means there are numerous counties, in KY's case seventy-three (73), with a high unemployment rate and continuous poverty. Mr. McCauley was asked to be the first head of the StrikeForce Initiative for the state. The Initiative also partnered with the Governor's Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) Program. The FSA alone provided over ninety-three million dollars in farm loans for these StrikeForce counties. He stated that Rural Development added another three hundred and forty-five million dollars in grants and loans.

As of today FSA has offered thirty-nine (39) Farm Bill Training Sessions across the state. Two thousand and seven (2,007) attendees have taken advantage of this training so far. There are a number of scheduled sessions coming up.

FSA's budget for the rest this year and into 2016 looks good and Mr. McCauley foresees another year of building and growth. He is finally being allowed to build his staff back up with thirteen new hires coming very soon. Of these eleven (11) positions will be working across the state with our farm loans.

FSA had a great 2014 concerning farm loans. Kentucky did drop to second for youth loans but remained top in the nation for direct operating loans. Also Kentucky is one of the top in the nation for total programs (combined guaranteed and direct loans). Kentucky led the nation in micro loans which are loans for thirty-five thousand dollars or less. Micro loan limits have now been raised to fifty thousand dollars. FSA did a record one hundred and sixty million dollars in combined loans last year. Over the last five (5) years FSA has grown the loan program by forty million dollars.

Mr. McCauley ended by stating there were no plans of closing any of the sixty-four (64) offices in the state. One office does have zero (0) employees assigned to it but they are running staff in from another county to make it work.

University of Kentucky - Dr. Steve Higgins was not in attendance.

Division of Forestry - Assistant Director Steve Kull, DOF, presented the report. Mr. Kull thanked those in attendance who assisted DOF in getting the nursery in Martin County up and running. He stated they should be running at full capacity in about two (2) weeks and getting trees out the door. Mr. Kull stated that December's numbers for the purchase of matching tree seedlings were good. He added that they are running short on some species so he suggested that the districts get their orders in as soon as possible.

Kentucky is entering its fire season and DOF, in attempting something new, is partnering with the Department of Corrections in Bell County to utilize their bloodhound program for assisting in tracking individuals connected with wildfires.

KY Department of Agriculture - Mr. Steve Kelly presented the report. He began by referring to the earlier discussion of the Leopold Award and saying that he did not foresee any problem, if the board so decided, to use a portion of the allotted cost share money as a donation to this program. He added that by all indications his department would be keeping the same six hundred thousand dollar amount for this year.

Commissioner Comer has agreed to once again be a sponsor of the upcoming Envirothon Program.

President David Rowlett, KACD, extended his gratitude to the KY Dept. of Agriculture for all of their support.

KACDE - Ms. Leslie Fourqurean was not in attendance.

Next Board Meeting

KACD will meet at **9:30 am CT on March 10, 2015** at the Bowling Green Holiday Inn.

SWCC will meet at **9:00 am on March 16, 2015**.

Other Business

KACD - President David Rowlett asked for discussion concerning the Washington "fly-in" coming up in March. Mr. David Cowherd motioned that President Rowlett, Vice-President Shane Wells, and Treasurer Allan Bryant be selected for this trip with the Association covering their expense for airfare and hotel accommodations. President Rowlett requested one (1) more person be selected to attend, making the number an even four (4), whereby not adding any additional hotel expense due to double occupancy. Mr. Cowherd modified his motion to include either Mr. Kevin Jeffries or Mr. Jeff Rice (it was not yet determined which of the two (2) nominees will attend). President Rowlett stated a motion has been made to send four (4) individuals on this trip with paid airfare and hotel accommodations. Motion was seconded by Mr. Orville Bennett. **Motion carried.**

Committee Conference Calls: Director Kim Richardson, DOC, suggested that committee reports be sent out which lists all of the members. This will make it easier to coordinate with the field reps to schedule these calls. President Rowlett added we need

to encourage any districts that have members on these committees to participate in these conference calls. Mr. Kevin Jeffries suggested adding participation with these calls as part of the point system for determining districts in good standing. Ms. Betty Barrick added that the members need to be urged to remain on line for the entire conference call.

President David Rowlett reminded the KACD board members that the March meeting would be held in Bowling Green at the Holiday Inn. KACD will be working with the Warren County Conservation District in shoring up some things concerning the convention. You may contact Ms. Richardson concerning room reservations. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am CT. Mr. David Cowherd suggested specifically inviting Dr. Steve Higgins, UK, to this meeting.

SWCC - Mr. Sanford Holbrook stated that he wanted to discuss The Leopold Award donation further at the March meeting.

Adjournment - President David Rowlett declared the KACD portion of the meeting adjourned at 11:13 am. Motion to adjourn the SWCC portion of the meeting was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons. Motion seconded by Mr. Sanford Holbrook. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.